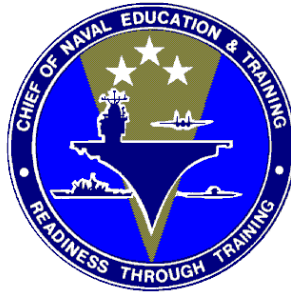


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CNO's Office of Training Technology to receive Vice President's Hammer Award for development of a training technology web site

PENSACOLA, Fla. -- The Navy's Office of Training Technology (OTT), Washington, D.C.; Naval Air Warfare Center, Training Systems Division, and the Institute for Simulation and Training, both located in Orlando, Fla., will receive Vice President Gore's prestigious Hammer Award for their team work in developing the Seamless Product Information, Data Exchange and Repository (SPIDER) web site. Cherie Stallman from Vice President Gore's National Partnership for Reinventing Government will present the award. Vice Admiral John W. Craine Jr., Director of Naval Training for the Chief of Naval Operations, and the Chief of Naval Education and Training, will be the speaker for the award ceremony. The award ceremony will take place on Monday, January 11, at 2:30 p.m. in the Pentagon, Room 4E630, the Vice Chief of Naval Operations conference room.

The Office of Training Technology, under the Director of Training on the Chief of Naval Operations staff, Washington, D.C., is the Navy's broker for training technology data and information. In January 1995, OTT was established to broker and coordinate the investigation, development, and implementation of training technology. Bob Zweibel, OTT Director, coordinated this effort. Zweibel and his team's initial focus was to establish a repository of training information, known today as OTT SPIDER, on the world wide web.

"It was a challenge I was honored to undertake," said Zweibel, "but the SPIDER's success is due to the team effort of NAWCTSD and IST in Orlando and the OTT staff here in the Pentagon." The OTT SPIDER, located on the world wide web at www.ott.navy.mil, is helping training professionals become familiar with the technologies that are available to improve training, and is also providing information to assist in the development of training using advanced technology. It is an interactive on-line resource designed to assist training developers, analysts, researchers, scientists, program managers, logistics managers, and educators from the military, government, industry and academia in providing cost-effective training programs.

The Hammer Award recognizes new standards of excellence achieved by teams comprised of federal employees, state and local employees, and citizens who are working together to build a better government. The award is given to teams who make a significant contribution in support of reinventing government principles; putting customers first, empowering employees, cutting red tape, and getting back to basics.

The results of an on-line survey indicated that the average OTT SPIDER user saves 8.2 hours in research time when looking for training technology information. Growth in the training technology customer base can result in lower unit costs to the federal government for training programs.

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